



# Arizona's 9/11 Remembrance & National Day of Service Event

September 10-13, 2009 • Scottsdale Civic Center Mall

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## ***Public Safety and Community Service Agencies Pay Tribute to the Victims of 9/11***

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

On April 21, 2009, President Barak Obama signed into office the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, making 9/11 a National Day of Service and Remembrance and is a tribute to all who perished on Sept. 11, 2001.

To support this initiative, Scottsdale Public Safety, community agencies and volunteers have joined together to bring the inaugural **Arizona 9/11 Remembrance & National Day of Service Event** to **Scottsdale Civic Center Mall, Sept. 10-13, 2009.**

Community leaders, neighbors, and valley citizens are invited to attend a free weekend of events that will pay tribute to the men, women and children who lost their lives, all those who sacrificed their lives, and the heroes that responded to the catastrophic events of 9/11.

Scheduled activities on Friday, Sept. 11, include morning and evening ceremonies featuring keynote speakers, city and state dignitaries, and patriotic music. On Saturday, Sept. 12, Hangar Prosthetics and Orthotics will host a free 5K Amp walk designed to raise community awareness and support amputees nationwide, and United Blood Services will hold an on-site mobile blood drive.

In addition, a variety of exhibits will be open to the public throughout the weekend. A 9/11 Memorial Wall with 2,996 full-color, 4x6 inch memorial cards, with biographical information and a photograph of each of the fallen victims will be located in front of the Scottsdale Center for the Arts. Inside the Atrium, the National Unity Flag, standing nearly three-stories high and signed by the entire U.S. Senate in 2002, will be on display, along with a special U.S. Flag Tribute providing a historical perspective of each of our fifty individual flags.

Local and national community service agencies have been invited to set-up booths to provide the public with information on how to get involved in volunteerism. For more information on the service initiative, visit [www.911dayofservice.org](http://www.911dayofservice.org).

The Arizona 9/11 Remembrance & National Day of Service events are free and open to the public.

***Note: please see the attached schedule and event descriptions.***

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## **9/11 Memorial Wall Display**

The 9/11 Memorial Wall Display features 2,996 full-color, 4x6 inch memorial cards with biographical information and a photograph of each person who perished as a direct result of the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001. The memorial cards, designed by Lisa Vella of Scottsdale, will be displayed on portable memorial walls in front of the Scottsdale Center for the Arts. There will be memorial wall sections for the victims of the World Trade Center, The Pentagon, and Philadelphia, as well as a special section for our brave firefighters and police officers.

## **The National Unity Flag Display**

The National Unity Flag is a patriotic and moving 9/11 Memorial, which was designed by Randy Cooney of Phoenix. It stands nearly three-stories high, has toured the country and has been signed by the entire U.S. Senate. The National Unity Flag includes the flags of our nation's 50 states and six districts. The center piece of this memorable tribute is the names of all the victims of 9/11 alongside the Statue of Liberty. It has been displayed throughout the country and is believed to be one of the most photographed Flags in American history. Come with your camera to capture your photo before this extremely moving and memorable tribute.

## **Community Service Exhibits**

Local and national community service agencies will have exhibits to create public awareness and provide the public with information on how to get involved to help those in need. These exhibits will be in recognition of our Nation's National Day of Service.

## **Formal Ceremonies**

On Sept. 11, ceremonies will be held at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. featuring keynote speakers, city and state dignitaries and patriotic music. A reading of the 2,996 names will also be conducted following the morning ceremony.

## **5K Amp Walk**

At 8 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, Hangar Prosthetics and Orthotics will host a morning 5K Amp walk designed to raise community awareness and support amputees nationwide. It is open to the public with no registration fee. For more information, contact Tyler Ritchey at (480) 330-0427.

## **Blood Drive**

United Blood Services will be on-site on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a blood drive. For more information, visit [www.unitedbloodservices.org](http://www.unitedbloodservices.org).

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*Thank you for your support of Arizona's 9/11 Remembrance and National Day of Service Event!*